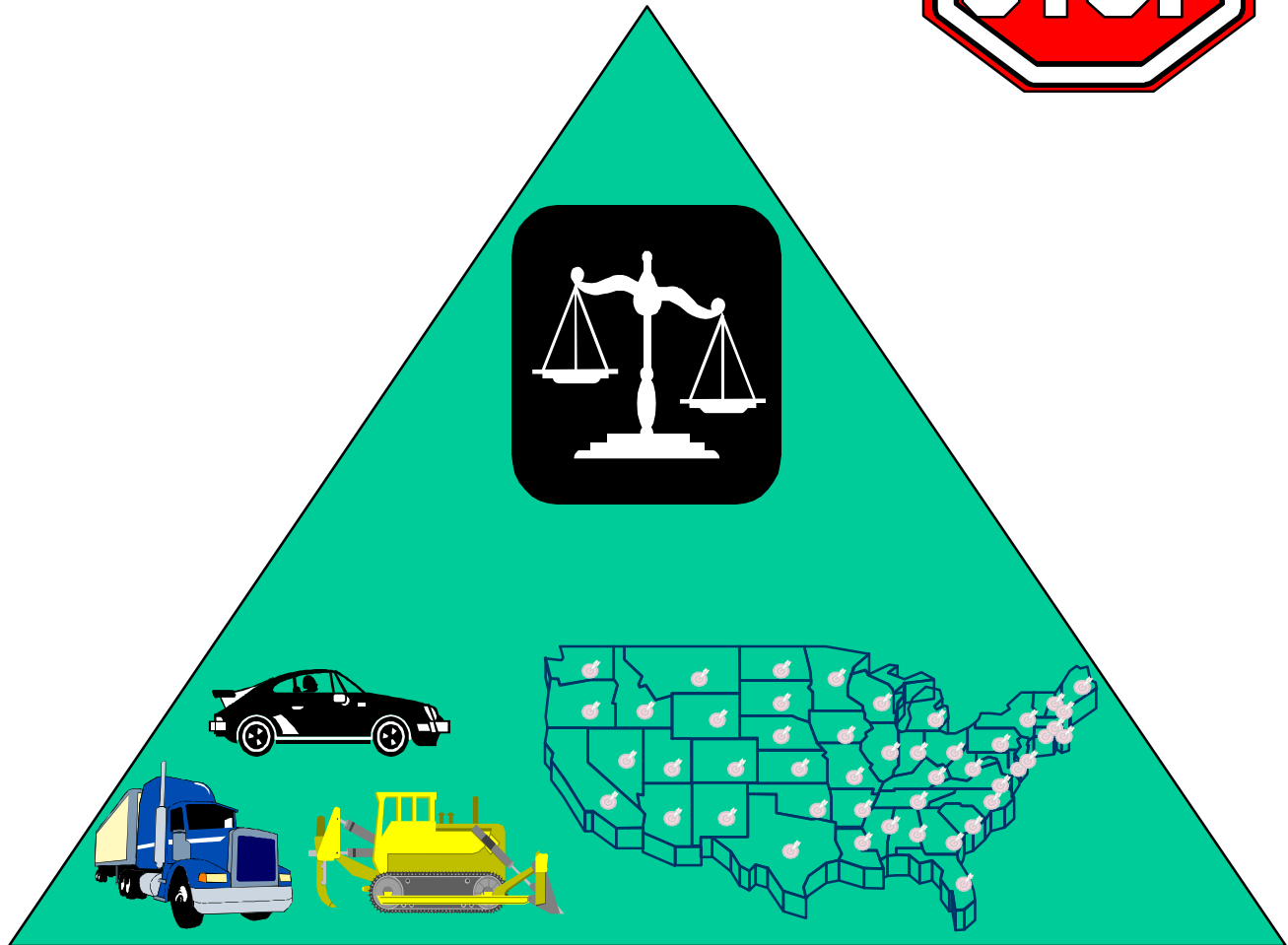




OPERATION SUDDEN



Vehicle/Cargo Theft Initiative

Phase I - Vehicle Theft Arrests

April 27, 1999

OPERATION SUDDEN STOP

Since the mid 1990s, organized criminal groups involved in Interstate Theft (IT) activities such as Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicles, Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property and Theft from Interstate Shipment have flourished. Due to a lack of exposure to harsh criminal penalties and the large potential for profit, vehicle theft has become a crime of choice for organized crime groups and other criminal organizations. The organized criminal groups involved in IT activities have become more sophisticated and are actively participating in multi-state markets. This has resulted in an increased strain on federal, state and local law enforcement resources devoted to addressing these crime problems.

Operation Sudden Stop is a multi-phase, multi-year strategic initiative designed to address the IT crime problem on a national scale. The operation seeks to initiate proactive investigations to identify and prosecute major criminal organizations responsible for these crimes. The first phase of this initiative will generate the coordinated arrests of multiple individuals involved in vehicle theft. It is expected that these arrests will lead to the identification and prosecution of criminal organizations involved in IT crimes. Additional arrests are forthcoming in connection with this initiative.

ANTICIPATED ARRESTS

PHASE I

04/27/1999

FBI Divisions	Federal	State
Cleveland	6	1
Columbia	10	0
Detroit	4	0
Houston	12	4
Indianapolis	2	0
Las Vegas	2	0
Little Rock	6	0
Los Angeles	2	0
Memphis	8	0
Miami	3	0
Mobile	13	0
Oklahoma City	1	0
Omaha	1	0
Pittsburgh	3	0
Sacramento	2	0
Salt Lake City	7	0
San Antonio	17	85 - 105
San Diego	4	0
San Juan	3	20
Springfield	7	0
St. Louis	1	0
Tampa	2	0

The "Numbers" For Motor Vehicle Theft In 1997

- 1,353,707 vehicle thefts per Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)*
- 505.8 vehicle thefts occurred per 100,000 inhabitants
- \$7.4 billion loss (based on \$5,416 UCR value per vehicle)
- 67% of stolen vehicles recovered (down 1% from 1996)**
- 447,000 stolen vehicles went unrecovered
- 14% of cases cleared by arrest (lowest percentage of any UCR index crime)
- 3 Top vehicle theft states:
 - 228,722 California
 - 107,195 Florida
 - 101,721 Texas

States Showing An Increase In Motor Vehicle Theft Rates From 1996 to 1997

	<u>Percentage</u>		<u>Percentage</u>
New Mexico	+ 23.2%	Colorado	+ 4.0
Iowa	+ 22.6	Utah	+ 3.6
Delaware	+ 17.0	West Virginia	+ 2.3
Nevada	+ 12.9	South Dakota	+ 2.1
Oregon	+ 12.0	Florida	+ 1.5
Missouri	+ 9.6	Indiana	+ 0.7
Washington	+ 8.7	Kansas	+ 0.7
Idaho	+ 7.0	Virginia	+ 0.6
Arizona	+ 4.7	Arkansas	+ 0.5

* number of vehicle thefts that were reported to the UCR for 1997. Several States and MSAs had incomplete or no reporting

** fewer vehicles are being recovered in the same metropolitan statistical area where they were stolen

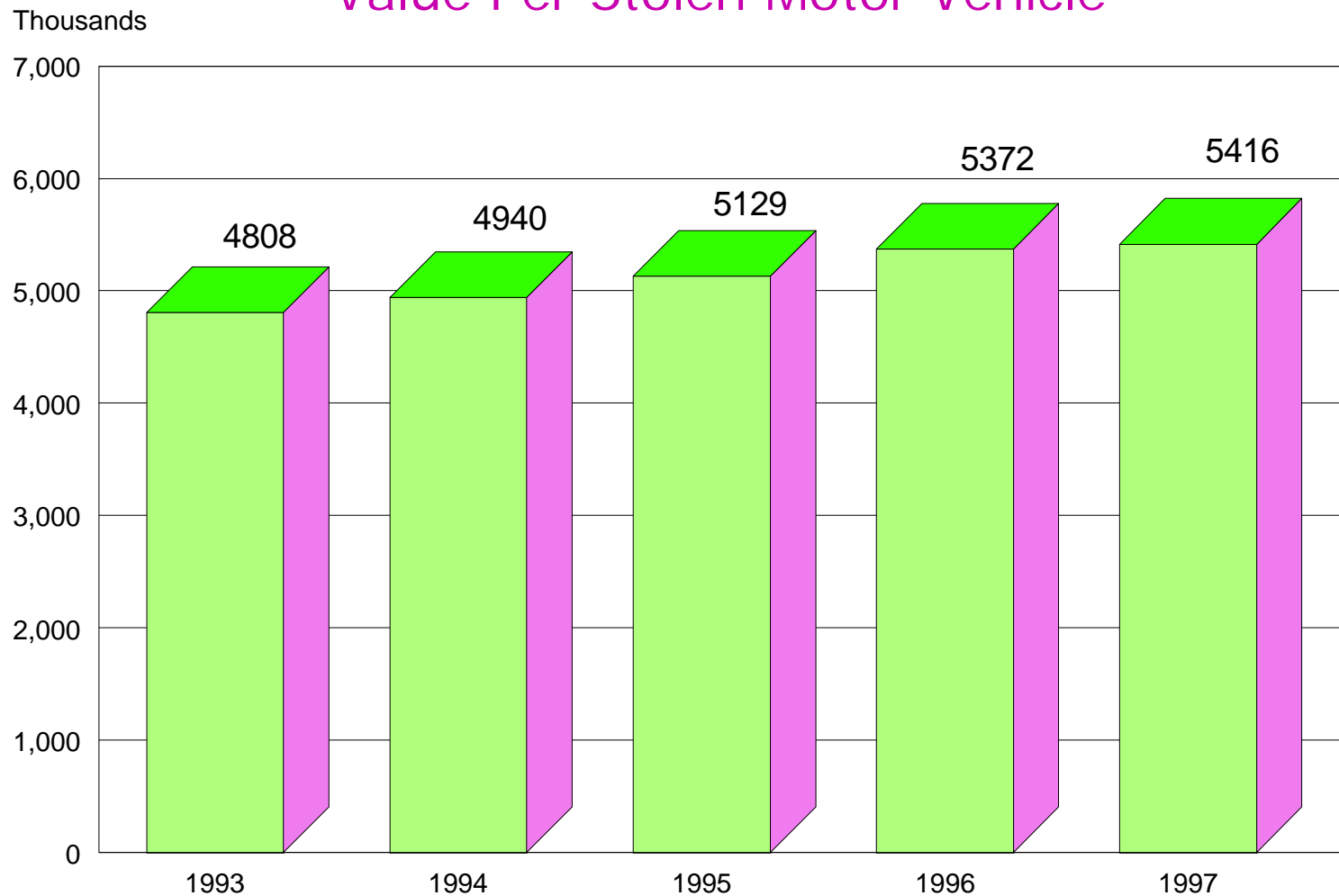


Las Vegas
Oklahoma City
San Diego



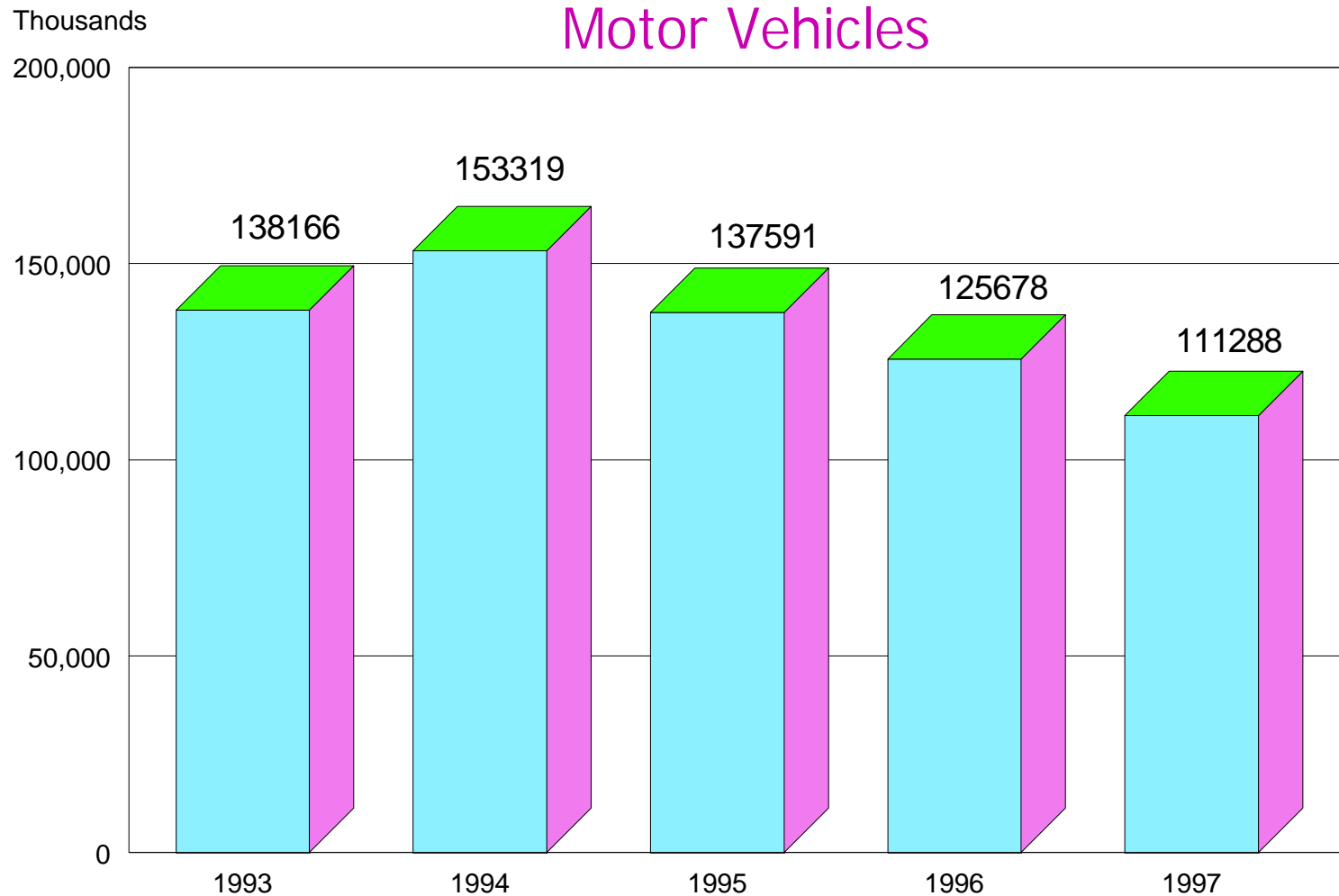
1997 FBI Uniform Crime Report Statistics

Value Per Stolen Motor Vehicle



1997 FBI Uniform Crime Report Statistics

Total Arrests for Stolen Motor Vehicles



1997 FBI Uniform Crime Report Statistics

Vehicle Thefts By Region

